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SUBJECT: TRIPARTITE FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING AT BUKAVU

1. SUMMARY: MEETING FONMINS BURUNDI, ZAIRE AND RWANDA APPEARS STEP FORWARD IN INSTITUTIONALIZATION TRIPARTITE COOPERATION. THE PRICE OF COOPERATION WAS APPARENT (BUT DOUBTFUL) RWANDA-BURUNDI AGREEMENT COOPERATE WITH ZAIRE IN RADICALIZATION OF NATIONAL ECONOMIES AND RWANDA CAPITULATION ZAIRE DEMAND FOR JOINT EXPLOITATION LAKE KIVU METHANE GAS. END SUMMARY.

2. INSTITUTIONS ESTABLISHED. ACCORDING TO JOINT COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCED KIGALI, MINISTERS DISCUSSED TOURISM, BORDER COMMERCE, INFRASTRUCTURE, POLITICAL AND LEGAL AFFAIRS, HEALTH, SOCIAL SECURITY AND ENERGY. A DRAFT CONVENTION ON ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL COOPERATION WAS APPROVED. JOINT MINISTERIAL DECLARA-
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TION SET UP PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION TRIPARTITE

COOPERATION TO BE LOCATED IN KIGALI WITH RWANDAN FONMIN
AS PRESIDENT AND BURUNDI PLUS ZAIRE AMBASSADORS
TO RWANDA AS MEMBERS. PENDING ESTABLISHMENT
FINAL INSTITUTION BY CHIEFS OF STATE, THIS COMMITTEE WILL
SERVE AS HEADQUARTERS FOR WHAT WILL EVENTUALLY BE ERMED
"ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF THE GREAT LAKE STATES"--
A REWORKED VERSION OF PREVIOUSLY CONCEIVED ECONOMIC
ORGANIZATION OF CENTRAL AFRICAN STATES. NEXT MEETING OF
CTTEE WILL BE JUNE 16 FOLLOWING EXPERTS MTTG JUNE 12-15.
COMMENT: ESTABLISHMENT OF COORD CTTEE, TITLING OF ECONOMIC
COMMUNITY AND EARLY DATES NEXT CONSULTATIONS SUGGEST
QUICKENING INTEREST IN PACE TRIPARTITE COOPERATION.
END COMMENT

3. ECONOMIC POLICY. TEXT OF DECLARATION SUGGESTS
FUTURE COORDINATION OF ECONOMIC POLICY AMONG THE THREE
STATES. RWANDAN FONMIN ON HIS RETURN KIGALI SAID ZAIRE
OFFERED "HELP" WITH "RADICALIZATION" RWANDAN ECONOMY AND URGED
THAT PERSONS CHASED FROM ZAIRE BY RECENT ECONOMIC MEASURES
NOT BE INSTALLED ON NEIGHBORING TERRITORIES. FONMIN SAID
RWANDA/BURUNDI PROMISED PROVIDE ALL POSSIBLE HELP
FOR ZAIRE TO RESOLVE AND ACHIEVE RADICALIZATION IT HAD
BEGUN. COMMENT: WHILE VERBIAGE SUGGESTS RWANDA AND
BURUNDI MIGHT BEGIN DUPLICATE ZAIRE ECONOMIC POLICY,
SOURCES HERE HAVE CONFIRMED RWANDA DOES NOT INTEND
FOLLOW ZAIRE'S ECONOMIC POLICY OR MOVE AGAINST EXPATRIATE
COMMERCIAL INTERESTS. IN FACT, GOR LEADERS REMAIN CONCERNED AT
PROSPECT ECONOMIC DISRUPTION IN ZAIRE. END COMMENT.

4. LAKE KIVU METHANE. RWANDAN FONMIN ALSO INDICATED
BILATERAL AGREEMENT REACHED ON EXPLOITATION LAKE
KIVU METHANE GAS. RESULTS CURRENT GERMAN STUDY WILL BE
SHARED BOTH GOVERNMENTS. GOVERNMENTS TO BUILD SINGLE
GAS FACILITY AND WILL HAVE EQUAL SHARE IN EXPLOITATION
COMPANY. COMMENT: GOR OFFICIALS, PREVIOUSLY WARY JOINT
RWANDA/ZAIRE ENDEAVOR, HAD BEEN EXPLORING POSSIBILITY
BUILDING OWN EXTRACTION PLANT. MODALITIES EXPLOITATION
UNDER NEW AGREEMENT STILL NOT CLEAR AND RWANDA WILL
CERTAINLY NOT MORTGAGE A MAJOR NATURAL RESOURCE TO VAGARIES
ZAIRE GOOD WILL RWANDA NO DOUBT AGREED TO POSSIBLE JOINT
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EXPLOITATION IN ORDER SECURE IMMEDIATE ADVANTAGE OF
KIGALI AS HDQTRS COORD CTTEE. HOWEVER, INTERPRETATION OF
"JOINT EFFORT" WILL ULTIMATELY DEPEND ON TIMING AND CONTENT ANY
SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT PROSPECTS. END COMMENT. FRITTS

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